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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: ST. BARNABAS MONASTERY

1. CONGRESSMAN ROUSSELOT'S OFFICE HAS RECEIVED CONSTITUENT INQUIRY REGARDING CONDITION OF PRIESTS AND CHURCH OF SAINT BARNABAS. EUR/SE EXPLAINED GENERAL LOCATION AND SITUATION OF ST. BARNABAS. CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE CALLED UN SECGEN'S OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS WHICH SAID THAT PRIESTS HAVE LEFT AT THEIR OWN REQUEST AFTER SOME DELAY AND THE TURKS HAVE AGREED PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ST. BARNABAS AND ITS MANY RELIGIOUS PAINTINGS.

2. CONGRESSMAN ROUSSELOT IS CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION AND REQUESTS WHATEVER DETAILS THE EMBASSY CAN SUPPLY. ANSWER SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT FOR FORWARDING TO CONGRESSMAN BY DECEMBER 28.

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